

(a) If the statement is negative, it will declare that no explosive or other contaminating materials were used or stored on any portion of the installation.

(b) If the statement is affirmative, reference will be made to appropriate schedules of the Report of Excess containing statements of clearance on the installation, or portions thereof.

§ 644.527 Recording Statements of Clearance.

On property disposals for which the Corps of Engineers is the disposal agency, the DE will have the Statement of Clearance recorded, if possible, as part of the permanent history of the property involved, with the proper county land record office. A copy of the report of clearance work performed will be furnished DAEN-REM and DAEN-REP.

§ 644.528 Return of contaminated leased land to owners.

Where leased land has been contaminated, whether excess to military requirements or being used, it may often prove advisable and economical to acquire the fee to such properties. Prior to considering the return of contaminated leased land to owners, District Engineers will assist installation commanders in preparing an analysis as a basis for recommendation to acquire or not acquire such areas. In the case of recommended restriction of use, notice should be given the lessor as described in § 644.525.

(a) Where such a restriction reduces the value of the land, the Department will, if consistent with the terms of the lease, pay damages equal to the reduction in value as of the effective date of termination.

(b) As stated in § 644.525, the owner should be advised that the Department is willing to remove or destroy any potentially dangerous materials that may be discovered in the future, subject to the availability of funds.

§ 644.529 Supplemental agreement with owner of contaminated leased land.

In the event that it becomes necessary to pay damages to a lessor in lieu of restoration i.e., decontamination, the following clause, appropriately

modified to fit the circumstances, will be made a part of the supplemental agreement terminating the lease and effecting monetary settlement in lieu of restoration. Additionally, in order to protect the Government from possible claims for damages from future purchasers, the executed supplemental agreement will, in those jurisdictions permitting recordation, be recorded by the DE thus providing legal notice to subsequent purchasers of the condition of the premises.

**SUGGESTED CLAUSES FOR USE IN
SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT**

Whereas, by reason of the use made of the premises by the Government it is impossible to ascertain after completion of decontamination operations by the Government that the following described portion of land is safe for unrestricted use by the lessor (or state because of use made by Government that use of land must be restricted to grazing, etc.):

(Legal Description; utilize hachured/annotated map(s) as attachment plus legal description.)

Now, therefore, in consideration of the payment by the Government of the United States to the lessor, (Name of Lessor) _____, of dollars (\$ _____), representing the estimated compensation to which the lessor is entitled by reason of the loss of the unrestricted use of the above described property, the lessor hereby releases the Government from all claims for damages to property and/or injury to persons which may arise out of the existence on the premises of unexploded ammunition or chemical/biological agents. It is mutually understood, however, that for a period of 25 years from the date hereof, the Government shall, upon request of the lessor, remove or destroy any potentially dangerous materials that may be discovered on the land, provided that adequate appropriations are available to cover the cost of such service. (If use of the land is restricted to surface use, the lessor should agree and covenant, in consideration of the payment, to use the land for such purposes only.)

§ 644.530 Conditions in conveying land suspected of contamination.

The following conditions, appropriately modified to conform to local law, will be included in deeds conveying land which is, or is suspected of being, contaminated with explosive or toxic materials and is restricted to surface use: (GSA should be requested to